

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Allowable Subject Matter

In Examiner's office action dated 11/5/2002, Examiner stated that Claims 18 – 23 are allowed and Claims 7 – 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim (i.e. original Claim 1) and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant has amended Claim 1 so that it includes the limitations of the original Claim 1 and the limitations of Claim 7. Applicant has deleted Claim 7 and has amended Claim 8 so that it is dependent on Claim 1. Furthermore, Applicant has added new Claim 30 that includes the limitations of the original Claim 1 and Claim 9 and has amended Claims 10 and 11 so that they are dependent on Claim 30. Applicant has deleted Claim 9. Also, Applicant has added new Claims 31 and 32. Applicant has also cancelled Claims 24, 25, 28 and 29.

Therefore, Claims 18 – 23 and Claims 1 and Claims 30 should now be allowable. Claims 2 – 6, 8, 12 – 17, 26 – 27 and 31 all depend on Claim 1 and should also therefore be allowable. Likewise, Claims 10 – 11 and 32 all depend on Claim 30 and should be allowable.


Claim Rejections – 35 USC 103

Examiner has rejected some of Applicant's claims under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over a combination of references. In response, Applicant submits that all outstanding claims should now be allowable for the reasons stated above.

CONCLUSION

Thus, for all the reasons given above, this application, as the claims are presently limited, define a novel, patentable, and truly valuable invention. Hence allowance of all of the outstanding claims of this application is respectfully submitted to be proper and is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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